

How to get involved in the HSCB!

Attend a Monthly HSCB Meeting.
Join a workgroup.
Where do you want to make a difference?

- Transportation
- Foster care, Adoption, Kinship Services
- Substance Abuse
- Homelessness
- Healthy Youth
- Suicide Prevention
- Hunger
- Individuals with Disabilities
- Older Adults
- Young Children
- Community Data

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Livingston HSCB

HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE BODY
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What's New in Livingston?

American Red Cross is many times thought of when people see natural disasters and the response that follows. One of the initiatives of the Red Cross and its local chapters throughout the U.S. is preparedness education. Getting out in the community and teaching youth, adults and families about taking necessary steps at home, to best ensure their safety if the time comes.

One of the programs we offer to specifically combat home fires is our national Home Fire campaign. In 2017 alone, 79 people died from fire related deaths in Michigan and 2,950 nationally, the need for fire preparedness education is there. So, with our amazing partners and our resources we team up with local community partners (i.e. local fire departments and other local services/non-profits) and install smoke alarms in homes as well as

prepping them with safety preparedness information. We will talk them through fire escape plans, fire safety prevention checklists, and we install up to 3 brand new Kidde smoke alarms. The program has been going since 2014 nationally and we have already installed over 1 million alarms.

In Michigan we have made 14,000 homes safer while installing 29,613 smoke alarms (each home can have up to 3 installed. and 1,700 within the Mid-Michigan chapter itself (which includes Livingston). We are proud that this program is now available in Livingston county and are taking appointments at 517-546-0326. Our appointments are under 30 minutes and this is a completely free program.



Collaboration Works!

Google Group

What is this and why is everyone a part of it?

Google group is an email group where members can share resources, trainings, events, questions and even consumer needs. The membership is made up of 320 social workers, school counselors, teachers, faith based partners, law enforcement, social service agency staff, state agency staff and so many more.

Once you join this membership, you receive all of this county-wide information, but more importantly you

also can send an email to the entire group with your important information.

Benefits:

- Share upcoming trainings and events for people to attend
- Get your consumer's needs met. We rarely see a request go more than a day without being met. Even a car once!
- Ask crazy questions, like where can I get a bike for someone who uses it for transportation?

So, how do I get involved? Just email Anne Rennie at arennie@cmhliv.org and ask to be included.

JOIN THE GROUP!



Community Connect by the Numbers

11th Annual Community Connect was a great success

- 650 Participants
- 400+ volunteers
- 270+ exhibitors
- 40% of attendees it was their first time at Community Connect
- 28% were kids <18
- 26 people received a Hep A Vaccine
- 25 People received a Flu Shot
- 44 People received Legal Consultation
- 40 Child ID and Fingerprinting
- 2 mammograms
- 73 ear exams
- 95 haircuts

Items distributed

- 2,777 pounds of food
- 1,100 meals served
- 543 bags of clothing
- 366 coats
- 290 sets of socks
- 1,000 Books
- 4,800 Diapers

Celebrate Health in March

Great Start Livingston and Livingston Educational Service Agency are providing three presentations to help focus on Health in March.

- Tuesday, March 13, 5 - 6 p.m. (Dinner at 4:45) - **What Causes Lead Poisoning?**
- Wednesday, March 14, 5 - 6 p.m. (Dinner at 4:45) - **How Does Tobacco Affect My Child?**

- Thursday, March 15, 6 - 7:30 p.m. (Dinner at 5:45) - **Healthy Eating on a Budget**

Dinner and Childcare will be provided.

All presentations will be held at Livingston Educational Service Agency, 1425 W Grand River, Howell. RSVP to patriciajansen@livingstonesa.org



April Bring Awareness

April is National Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Below are some county-wide activities that aim to increase awareness and encourage community involvement.

PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION:

This national campaign focuses on the hope and joy that should be part of every childhood. LACASA's CAP (Child Abuse Prevention) Council and community partners will plant over a hundred pinwheel gardens across Livingston County in April. CAP is also offering Home Pinwheel Gardens, for a suggested donation of \$20, to help fund prevention programs and spread the prevention message into local neighborhoods. To request your pinwheel garden, contact Holly Naylor at (517) 548-1350. Then, join us on the front lawn of Howell Carnegie Library at noon on Wednesday, April 4 for the official launch of Child Abuse Prevention Month in Livingston County. Hear local speakers and a choir from Voyager Elementary school and plant a pinwheel to show your commitment to helping children in our community grow up safe, healthy and whole.

CLOTHESLINE PROJECT:

2018 marks the 20th year LACASA has hosted this important awareness campaign featuring T-shirts designed by sexual assault survivors. Shirts will be on display at LACASA and libraries throughout the county during April. Visit your local library and take in this touching display of courage, strength and healing.

NATIONAL DENIM DAY:

Wednesday, April 25 is National Denim Day. This special day signifies that there is never an excuse for sexual assault and challenges misconceptions about rape (like it happened because of what she was wearing). LACASA encourages organizations and schools to participate in Denim Day by allowing employees to wear jeans to work. If desired, employees can pay \$5 or \$10 to wear jeans and donations can be made to LACASA to help local victims. Please contact Nicole Matthews-Creech at (517) 548-1350 or ncreech@lacasacenter.org for campaign materials.

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Building Healthy Communities

Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) has partnered with Washtenaw County Health Department to bring the Building Healthy Communities health and wellness grant to Livingston County for a second year. This grant allows funding for activities that promote healthy food access and encourage physical activity for all who live, work, and play in Livingston County. Year one of the grant (2016-2017) promoted healthy food service guidelines and healthy food choices through product placement and promotion in local food pantries, which impacted 1,891 individuals. Year two (2017-2018) is focusing efforts on increasing physical activity through the reduction of perceived or actual barriers to exercise.

The first part of the grant work focuses on identifying all of the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant trails in Livingston County, plotting them with mapping software, and then making them available as a guide for our residents. This guide will be available in print form and on the LCHD website. Livingston County has many wonderful trails and outdoor activities, and going the extra step to identify

which of these trails are accessible for handicap residents will remove a barrier to their use.

The second part of increasing physical activity is removing the perception that physical activity must always be time carved out and dedicated to exercise. StairWELL is a program designed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that uses suggestive signage to encourage people to use the stairs instead of the elevator. The idea behind StairWELL is that a simple change of taking the stairs instead of the elevator can be the start of something bigger in your physical activity habits. Participating agencies/businesses only need to have stairs, be accessible by the public, and have permission to hang signs provided by LCHD. We are still accepting locations. If you are interested in participating, please contact Emily Hamilton at ehamilton@livgov.com or (517) 552-6836. All grant activities must be completed by the end of September 2018.



Stories of Hope—Night to Shine

What is it about getting dressed up and going to a fun formal dance, that still brings a smile to your face. Well, each year, Special Ministries, 2/42 Community Church and the Tim Tebow Foundation provide the Night to Shine Event. This is a formal evening and dance for people of all abilities in the county. Space is limited and it fills up fast. The guests can get their hair and make-up done by professionals at the Glam Party before and once there, they walk in on a red carpet and have their pictures taken with tiaras and crowns. They enjoy a lovely meal and take a moment to celebrate and enjoy life. The Night to Shine Event happens all around the world on the same day. Always the Friday before Valentine's Day. This year over 500 churches participated.

This year, the event happen to fall on a rather large snow day and despite the weather and snow, the Night to Shine was a huge success. I think there was a record number of calls "checking" to see if it was still happening, but thank goodness it was.



Everyone had a blast and as always we can't wait for next year. Feel free to visit Special Ministries Facebook page to check out all the pictures, www.facebook.com/SpecialMinistriesLivingstonCounty

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*Ensuring a system of support for
members of our community.*

What is the Purpose of the Livingston County HSCB?

The Livingston HSCB started in 1989 and was officially recognized as the county Multi-Purpose Collaborative Body by the state and county Board of Commissioners in 1995. Now, referred to as a Community Collaborative by the state, the HSCB is comprised of 26 appointed members that work together to coordinate health and human services across systems. The HSCB also:

- Develops strategies and programs to meet current and future needs
- Fiscally manages state-funded collaborative initiatives
- Monitors the effectiveness and efficiency of collaborative projects

The HSCB does this work through established committees and workgroups which have specific goals and objectives to complete. The HSCB and most workgroups meet monthly and consist of representatives from public and non-profit organizations, business, and interested residents of the county. To learn about the work of the HSCB, contact Anne Rennie at arennie@cmhliv.org.

Upcoming Events in Livingston



Livingston County Catholic Charities Salute to the Starts and Celebrity Dance Competition!

Saturday, March 3rd 7pm at Crystal Gardens

For more information, contact Julie at 517-545-5944 or purchase tickets at www.livingstoncatholiccharities.org.

Family Fun Day!

Saturday, March 10th at Parker Middle School. Event is from 11-12:30 with a free concert with the Merry Music Maker. For more information, contact LESA at 517-546-5550

Celebrate Health Series

March 13-15th. See page 2 for more information

Special Ministries and Sheriff Basketball Event!

Saturday, March 24th from 1:30-4:30 at Highlander Way Middle School. Tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-basketball-fundraiser-tickets-42613886281> or call (810)337-8312.

2018 Community Mental Health Town Hall

May 1st from 5:30—7:30 at LESA Building.

For more information contact Leslie Hall at lhall@cmhliv.org.

2018 Caregiver Fair

Saturday, May 19th at the Brighton High School Cafeteria

For more information, contact Kim Konarski at 810-626-2137 or kimkonarski@hartlandschools.us

Guiding Principals for Highly Successful Families Series

Thursdays, April 5th, 12th, 19th, 226th and May 3rd from 5:30-6:45 PM. This free 5 weeks series focuses on ways to add to your parenting toolbox! For more information, contact Kathleen Virden at (517) 540-6860 or kathleenvirden@livingstonesa.org

Community Action Against Elder Abuse

Friday, April 12th from 9am—3 pm at Livingston County EMS Building

For more information contact, Penny Jones at 517-545-5944 or penny@livingstoncatholiccharities.org

Core Competency Trainings for Spring

Ethics—March 23rd from 9:30 –12

Trauma Informed Practice—April 12th from 1-4

Conflict Resolution—May 18th from 10-12.

Email Anne Rennie at arennie@cmhliv.org
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